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To: State Management Team

From: Deputy State Director, Division of Support Services

Subject: Road Use Fees

Program Area: Engineering, Realty, Forestry, and Mining.

Purpose: This Change 1 to Instruction Memorandum No. 2006-006, dated October 27, 2005, is being issued to correct the last sentence, under Policy/Action, to state 1 Thousand Board Feet rather than one million board feet, and Fee/Mile changed to Fee per Loaded Mile. This IM provides guidance and establishes road use fees where commodities are transported on BLM roads. Commodities typically consist of timber and materials related to mining. Previous guidance expired on September 30, 1996.

Policy/Action: Based on current maintenance costs, the following fees will be charged where applicable. Field offices may also require a user to perform routine maintenance and/or reconstruction if determined to be necessary to accommodate use. It is assumed that 1 Thousand Board Feet (MBF) is equal to 5 tons.

<u>Road Surface Type</u>	<u>Fee per Loaded Mile – Ton</u>	<u>Fee per Loaded Mile – MBF</u>
Native Material	\$0.10	\$0.49
Pit Run Gravel	\$0.11	\$0.55
Aggregate	\$0.14	\$0.71
Asphalt	\$0.11	\$0.57

Timeframe: Effective upon receipt.

Budget Impact: Fees generated from this activity will be deposited into the 9120 subactivity.

Background: Road use fees are a result of additional maintenance costs due to higher than normal loads/traffic on BLM roads. The increased weight and cyclic use degrade the surface and require resurfacing at a faster rate than with normal traffic use. Road use fees are authorized by 43 USC 1762.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: No manual or handbook sections are affected.

Coordination: This IM was coordinated with the Missoula Field Office Realty staff, and the Butte Field Office Engineering staff. Documentation for the basis of road use fees will be maintained in the Garnet Range Road file, located in the Missoula Field Office.

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